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Guide to Collection

Lukens, Walter W.

Walter W. Lukens Collection, ca. 1916-1925

PCA 394

3 boxes

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**ACQUISITION:** This collection was donated by Joan M. Bailey, Walter and Linda Lukens' niece, in July of 1998. Acc. No. 1998-039.

**ACCESS:** The collection is available for viewing; however, the photographs may not be photocopied.

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**PROCESSING:** The prints have been placed in acid free envelopes and then into archival boxes. Many of the original negatives remain unprinted.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Walter W. Lukens was born January 28, 1883, in Hardy, Sharpe County, Arkansas. He moved to Ukiah, California, where he graduated from grade school in 1902. Later Mr. Lukens attended Lincoln Night School in San Francisco, California, where he received degrees in Architectural I.C.S. and Civil Engineering I.C.S.

During his stay in Alaska, Mr. Lukens was employed by the Alaska Engineering Commission as a bridge erector from 1916-1919. He was employed by the Alaska Road Commission as superintendent from 1920-1925.

Walter met a waitress in the Arcade Restaurant in Juneau, Alaska. Linda Drabe and Walter were married in Seattle, Washington, on November 25, 1925. After his retirement on May 2, 1927, Walter and Linda Lukens purchased and moved to Linda's parent's homestead at Rainier, Washington, where they had a dairy farm.

Walter died on March 10, 1954, and is buried at Masonic cemetery, Tumwater, Washington.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Boxes 1 and 2 of this collection contain black and white photographs and postcards of Juneau, Valdez, Nome, and other areas of Alaska during the years 1916 to 1925. Box 3 contains federal publications, letters, brochures, maps, and a Juneau Cook book from the time period 1912 to 1927.

## INVENTORY

### **Box 1: 1 – 14**

### **Box 2: 15 - 47**

#### **Prints and negatives**

#	Region	Places	# Negs	#Print
1		Nome Shelton Tram; 1924	20	20
2	Southcentral	Seward, Lowell Creek, <i>Eagle</i> ; 1916	10	10
3		Wild Goose – Ophir Creek, Casa DePaga River, Salmon Lakes, Council; 1912, 1924	18	25
4		Nome; 1924	29	39
5		Solomon River, Deering, Inmachuck Valley, Dahl Creek, Coffee Creek, Kougarok River, Kotzebue Sound, Taylor Creek; 1923, 1924	24	33
6		Chulitna River; 1922, 1923	14	14

7	Yukon-Tanana	Chitina, Woodchopper, New Minto, Ft. Gibbon, Tolovana; 1923	30	47
8		Matanuska Wagon Bridge	5	4
9		U.S. Rail Road (U.S. R.R.)	25	7
10		Kenai Winter Trail; 1922	11	11
11	Yukon/Kuskokwim	Piamute Station, Yukon River; 1923	3	4
11a	Yukon/Kuskokwim	Bethel, Felder Gale & Co. General Merchandise, Bethel Post Office; 1923	6	7
12	Yukon/Kuskokwim	Kuskokwim River, Steamboat Slough; 1921	5	5
13	Yukon/Kuskokwim	Russian Mission, Holy Cross, Johnson Creek, Yukon, Tatlaweeksuk Slough; 1921, 1923	13	13
14	Yukon/Kuskokwim	Yankee Creek Valley, Gains Creek Bridge, Ophir/Takotna Road; 1922-1924	33	33
15	Yukon/Kuskokwim	Otter Creek Bridge, Flat, Iditarod; 1923	13	13
16	Southeast	Inside Passage, Wrangell, Juneau, Swanson Bay; 1924	6	6
17		Nizina; 1921	4	4
18		Nizina River, Walter Lukens; 1921	2	2
19		Trading Post-North Land [Kenai?]	2	2
20		Valdez-Fort Liscum 1924	~10	14
21		Kenai Winter Trail; 1922	2	2
22	Southcentral	Seward, Lowell Creek, World Flyers; 1924	6	1
23	Southcentral	U.S. R. R. : mile 20, mile 53.5, mile 62, mile 63.5, mile 65 (new bridge & construction camp), mile 67, mile 69, misc., Turnagain, Portage Glacier	24	21
24	Southeast	Juneau; 1924	3	1
25	Yukon/Kuskokwim	Kuskokwim Bay/River (lower), one print of steamboats	13	1
26	Yukon/Kuskokwim	Otter Creek Bridge, Flat, Iditarod; 1923	9	1
27	Yukon/Kuskokwim	Yankee Creek, Gains Creek Bridge, Ophir/Takotna Road; 1921	33	1
28	Interior	Yukon-Tanana River, Chitina; 1914,1923	2	5
29	Seward Peninsula	Nome, Seward Peninsula; J.A. Parry Planing and Mill Work Carpenter Shop, Pioneer Hotel; 1924.	16	20
30	Seward Peninsula	Nome; 1924	17	8
31	Council	Wild Goose, Casa DePaga River, Solomon, Council, Fox River	2	2
32		Deering, Inmachuck Valley; 1924	2	2
33	A.R.C.	Shelton Nome Tram, Shelter Cabin at Good Hope River-Seward Peninsula.	3	3
34		Near Nome, [Yukon?]	7	10
35		Near Nome, Eskimo Family, fishing, no ID	14	19

36		Village near Nome, train, bridge; Print & negs—no ID	8	11
37		Dry Creek Bridge 1924, Hot Springs Hill Yukon 1923, Alaska Road Commission building, 50 unidentified prints with negatives	50	50

**Prints without negatives**

38	Matanuska	Eska Coal Mine near Matanuska	No neg	1
39		Aleutians?, On Board Ship?, officers, Bebe (Beebee), Native children, rowing competition	No neg	10
40		Hurst-Chichagoff [Hirst Chichagof] Camp	No neg	1
41		President Harding in Alaska, July 1923	No neg	10
42		Mt. Edgecumbe, Chas Rudy residence, Arcade Café, Tolch Rock, Juneau—many postcards, <i>Kennecott</i>	No neg	74
43		Boats - <i>Unalca</i> , <i>Dixon</i>	No neg	4
44		Postcards with correspondence on back	No neg	2
45		Walter Lukens, Family, Unidentified People	No neg	20
46		Mining Camp Kougrouk [Kougarok] River, Seward Peninsula; 1924	No neg	1
47		Tram road Nome, Roadhouse, W.H. Fippin Blacksmith, scene from “The Cheechako”, Prints—unmatched, no ID	No neg	19

**Box 3****Folder 1**

1. Permit card: Department of the Interior Alaskan Engineering Commission; 1918
2. ID card: Department of the Interior Alaskan Engineering Commission
3. Letter to Walter W. Lukens, Superintendent, Alaska Road Commission, Tacotna, Alaska from Jas G. Steese; War Department, Board of Road Commissioners for Alaska, Juneau, Alaska; May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1922; 2 pages
4. Letter to Walter W. Lukens, Inspector, U.S. Engineer Dept., Nome, Alaska from P.A. Agnew, War Department, United States Engineer Office, Juneau, Alaska; June 2, 1924; 1 page

5. Letter to W.W. Lukens, Superintendent, Alaska Road Commission, City from H.R. Edwards, General Superintendent, Hammon Consolidated Goldfields; October 11, 1924; 1 page
6. H.J. Res. 241; December 20, 1921; Joint Resolution Authorizing a preliminary examination or survey of Yukon-Kuskokwim Portage, Alaska.
7. Active Routes
8. Wage Scale, Chitina & Nizina, Season 1924;
9. Wage Scale, Fairbanks & McKinley Part, Season 1924
10. Wage Scale, McGrath, Season 1924
11. Wage Scale, Seward & Anchorage, Season 1924
12. Wage Scale, Valdez, Season 1924
13. Computations, Jun-14-1924, W.W.L.
14. Dredging Funds applied to Tram Repairing Hauling Nome Locals to Harbor...

**Folder 2**

1. Entrance To Kuskokwim River, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,...1912.
2. Tolovana River, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,...1918.
3. Wrangell Harbor, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,...1922.
4. Tolovana River, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,...1924.
5. Report Upon The Improvement of Rivers and Harbors in the Juneau, Alaska, District; J.G. Steese; 1921.
6. Map: Tolovana River Alaska; Traced from U.S.G.S. 1913 Reconnaissance Map of the Fairbanks Quadrangle. Alaska Road Commission Map of 1916.
7. Apoon Mouth, Yukon River, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,...1914.
8. Controller Bay, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,...1918.
9. Wrangell Narrows, Alaska. Letter From The Secretary Of War,...1922.
10. Nome-Shelton-Kugruk River-Keewalik Reconnaissance. Letter From The Secretary Of War,...1922.
11. Laws for the Protection and Preservation of the Navigable Waters of the United States. 1922. (2 copies)

**Folder 3**

1. Juneau Cook Book 1925; Good Cooking published by the Martha Society of the Northern Light Presbyterian Church; Juneau, Alaska; 1925.
2. Alaska Magazine; Vol.1 No.2; February 1927.

**Folder 4**

1. ...12 one-day trips in ...Juneau Alaska's Capital; Juneau Chamber of Commerce Juneau - Alaska's Capital; n.d (brochure)
2. Little Journeys Into the Land of Enchantment; Gold Belt City Juneau Alaska; n.d (brochure)
3. Juneau Alaska; Published by Juneau Chamber of Commerce Juneau, Alaska; n.d (brochure)
4. Cape St. Elias to Shumagin Islands; U.S.C. & G.S.; 8502; Aug 20, 1924 (map)
5. Alaska Road Commission Map of Nome District 1923 (blueprint map)

**Folder 5**

Empty negative and print envelopes

**Negatives without prints**

		No id	2	No print
		No id	81	No print
	Southeast	Inside Passage	20	No print
	Southeast	Inside Passage, Wrangell	2	No print
	Yukon / Kuskokwim	Bethel	1	No print
	Yukon / Kuskokwim	Kuskokwim River, Steamboat Slough	2	No print
	Yukon / Kuskokwim	Yukon-Piamute Station	1	No print
	Yukon / Kuskokwim	Russian Mission/Portage, Holy Cross/Johnson Creek, Yukon, Tatlaweeksuk Slough	8	No print
	Southcentral	SS OSMO, Akutan Pass	7	No print
	Interior	Chulitna	5	No print
	Yukon / Kuskokwim	Piamute Station/Yukon	2	No print
		Bridge [Found in envelope in Box 3 Folder 5]	3	

**INVENTORY OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVES**

Negatives stored in freezer in Archives vault

**2 Boxes:**Box 1 - Sleeves that contain negatives for **Prints and negatives #1-25**Box 2 - Sleeves that contain negatives for **Prints and negatives #26-37** and  
11 sleeves of negatives for **Negatives without prints**